



MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, on THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 2010 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Provost Derek Stewart (Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor John Biggam
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Mark English
Councillor Irene Hamilton
Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor George Matchett, QPM
Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Harry McLaren
Councillor Tina Murphy
Councillor Reverend Sam Ovens
Councillor Janis Paterson
Councillor Gary Womersley

IN ATTENDANCE

Angela Leitch, Chief Executive
Nikki Bridle, Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Deirdre Cilliers, Head of Social Policy
Stephen Crawford, Head of Facilities Management
Lesley Robertson, Interim Head of Education
David Thomson, Clerk to the Council

CC.55 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Eddie Carrick.

CC.56 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

CC.57 JOINT DELIVERY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

A report which sought Council approval to make arrangements to enable the Council to discharge its functions as education authority and social work authority jointly with Stirling Council and to agree the appointment of a Joint Head of Education and a Joint Head of Social Services and Chief Social Work Officer accountable to both Councils, was submitted by the Chief Executive.

In June 2006 and June 2008, Clackmannanshire and Stirling Councils agreed to consider the potential for joint working, based on the premise that the two Councils would retain political independence while the management of services could be integrated.

Motion

That Council approves the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Reverend Sam Ovens. Seconded by Councillor Gary Womersley.

Voting

Councillor Reverend Ovens asked for a roll call vote.

The Council agreed that a vote be taken by calling the roll and at this stage there were 17 members present who were eligible to vote.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

For the motion (16)

Provost Derek Stewart
Councillor George Matchett
Councillor Reverend Sam Ovens
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Harry McLaren
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Councillor Janis Paterson
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Mark English
Councillor Gary Womersley

Abstain (1)

Councillor Craig Holden

The motion was carried by 16 votes with one abstention.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- (1) To discharge its functions as Education Authority and Social Work Authority jointly with Stirling Council in terms of Section 56(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and that, for this purpose, a Joint Head of Education and a Joint Head of Social Services and Chief Social Work Officer accountable to both Councils, be appointed as set out in the report.
- (2) That the key principles set out in the Statement of Principles appended to the report guide implementation and govern joint management of these functions.
- (3) That it be remitted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Steering Group, to take all decisions in relation to (1) (above) and all actions necessary on behalf of the Council to implement this decision as quickly as possible, but no later than the beginning of the financial year 2011/12.

- (4) That a Steering Group comprising the two Council Leaders, two Depute Leaders and the two main Opposition Leaders be established to oversee implementation of this decision. The Steering Group to report regularly to the two Councils on progress.

Action

Chief Executive

ENDS 10.45 am

